LESSON PLAN

An Inadequate Fee

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a quick read of the story "An Inadequate Fee" to capture students' attention. Ask them to share their initial reactions to the story.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Break down the story by discussing the characters and their significance.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to discuss the moral of the story.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Bring the class back together and have each group share their skit.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conduct a quick exit ticket where each student writes down one lesson they learned from the story and how they might apply it in their

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: An Inadequate Fee; The moral of the story is that those who exploit others for personal gain may find their rewards insufficient and face discontent with the outcomes of their actions.
- **Plot Summary**: In this well-known moral story, an Ox becomes trapped in a mire and seeks help from a Political Pull. After being rescued, the Political Pull is dissatisfied with the meager reward for his efforts, realizing that his greed has led to an inadequate compensation.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Ox**: Represents those who find themselves in difficult situations and seek assistance. His plight serves as a catalyst for the story's moral.
  - **The Political Pull**: Symbolizes those who exploit others for personal gain. His dissatisfaction illustrates the consequences of greed and exploitation.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and their roles in the story.

- Students will analyze the moral lesson conveyed through the characters' actions.
- Students will discuss the implications of greed and exploitation in real-life situations.
- Students will express their interpretations of the story through creative means.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What could the Political Pull have done differently to ensure a fair outcome?
  2. How might the Ox's situation reflect real-life scenarios of dependency and exploitation?
  3. What lessons can we draw from the Ox's experience regarding seeking help from others?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "An Inadequate Fee"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Art supplies for creative activities (paper, crayons, etc.)

✓ Original text available on the story page.